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## **FEDERAL INMATE SENTENCED FOR ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO MURDER A FELLOW INMATE**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MICHAEL S. VAUGHT, 38, a Federal Bureau of Prisons inmate from Lawrence County, Indiana, was sentenced to 188 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to assault with intent to commit murder. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

On May 27, 2008, VAUGHT assaulted a fellow inmate with a homemade knife, commonly referred to as a shank. The assault occurred while VAUGHT and the fellow inmate were exercising in a recreation cage at the institution. VAUGHT cut the other inmate on the neck and elsewhere on his body. In doing so, VAUGHT orally threatened to kill him. The injuries were deemed life threatening by the treating physician at Terre Haute Regional Hospital.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 3 years supervised release following VAUGHT's release from imprisonment.

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